

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A pneumatic tire comprising, a mark portion of a wear indicator which changes as wear progresses, said mark portion being provided on a portion of a tread surface of said tire and disposed apart and in isolation from a main groove extending circumferentially about said tire, wherein said mark portion includes a first cavity and a second cavity disposed adjacent the first cavity as a reference, each one of the first and second cavities extending into a depth direction of the tread surface ~~of said tire~~, wherein said first cavity has a ~~first cavity length~~ surface shape that continuously changes as a depth of the tread surface decreases due to wear and said second cavity has a ~~second length~~ surface shape that remains constant as the depth of the tread surface decreases due to wear.

2. (CANCELED).

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The pneumatic tire according the claim 1, wherein wall surfaces of at least one of said first cavity and said second cavity are colored with a different color from that of surrounding rubber.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein a colored member of a different color from that of surrounding rubber is buried in said at least one said first cavity and said second cavity.

5. (CANCELED).

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 3 and 4, wherein ~~a surface shape of said at least one of the first cavity and said second cavity is~~ the first and second surface shapes are in a quadrilateral having two pairs of opposite sides of respectively the same length a pair of long sides and a pair of short sides respectively, and

~~one of said two pairs of the sides~~ the pair of long sides of the second surface shape is made constant in the depth direction from the tread surface, and the other pair the pair of long sides of the first surface shape is made to change in the depth direction from the tread surface.

7. – 19. (CANCELED).